

City News

...In Brief

(From Sunday's Daily.)

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Jerome Attorney Here.
 H. H. Wilkins, the Jerome attorney, is here on professional business.

McCabe Visitor.
 Thomas Lydon, the McCabe miner, is here on a short business visit.

Crown King Visitor.
 George G. Brown, the Crown King merchant, is here on a short business visit.

Stockman Visits.
 T. Akard, the Peoples Valley stockman, came in yesterday on a short business visit.

Jerome Visitor.
 Mrs. W. L. Clark of Jerome is visiting in the city. She is a guest at the Burke hotel.

Attention, Modern Woodmen.
 Regular meeting tomorrow evening at 1. O. O. F. H. Important business.

Left for Los Angeles.
 T. J. Norton, general solicitor of the coast lines of the Santa Fe, left last night by the southern route for his headquarters in Los Angeles.

Spends Sabbath Here.
 H. C. Malloy, foreman of the limestone quarries of the Arizona Smelting company, at Asco, came in last evening to spend the Sabbath with his family here.

New Notary Appointed.
 Attorney E. M. Sanford has been appointed a notary public by Governor J. B. Kibbey. He qualified for the office and received his commission yesterday.

In From Camp.
 W. J. Kearney came in yesterday from his mining camp, in the Senator section. Mr. Kearney recently recovered from a severe attack of the grippe.

Leaves for Turkey.
 Warren Davis will leave today for the Turkey Creek district, where he has mining interests, after a month's confinement from a severe attack of the grippe.

In From Monica.
 Andy Lauer came in yesterday from the Monica mine, to enjoy a well earned vacation here.

Left for Camp.
 J. A. Martin left last night on the southbound train for his mining camp in the Ramsgate section.

Spends Sabbath Here.
 Charles F. Brant of Poland came in last evening to spend the Sabbath with his many friends here.

Left for Black Rock.
 C. A. French, the stone contractor, left last night for the Black Rock district, on a short business visit.

Back From the Capitol.
 Attorney General E. S. Clark returned yesterday from a week's visit at the capital on official and professional business.

Now in San Diego.
 Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Brecht, who have been visiting in Los Angeles for the past month, will leave that city today for San Diego.

Burke Hotel Concert.
 A concert will be given in the lobby of the Burke hotel this evening, during dinner, between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock. All are invited.

Mining Man Visits.
 J. M. McNeill of Pittsburg, who has extensive mining interests in this county, came in yesterday from the camp of the Baumann Copper company to spend the Sabbath here.

Old Resident Visits.
 Ben Robinson, one of the early settlers of this city and Kirkland valley, came in yesterday from the latter place, to visit with his sons and daughters and their families here.

Left for Pasadena.
 Mrs. Ben Delanty and family left yesterday for Pasadena to join Mr. Delanty, who is construction foreman of the municipal electric lighting system being installed in that city.

In From Camp.
 E. A. Logie, general manager of the Black Mountain Mining company, came in yesterday from the company's camp in the Mineral Point district, on business connected with his concerns.

Leaves for Silver Bell.
 L. W. Martin has resigned his position with the Bashford Barnister company, and will leave today for Silver Bell, where he has accepted a place with the Imperial Copper company.

Legislators Visit.
 A. J. Doran, member of the Council and Roy N. Davidson, member of the Lower House from this county, arrived here yesterday from Phoenix, to con-

ult with their constituents regarding mining legislation.

Ants More Males.
 J. A. Trephorn, the McCabe contractor and teamster, left last night on the southbound train for the Salt River valley, where he expects to purchase a number of mules for his different freight outfits.

Stork Visits.
 Friday afternoon the stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dugan, in this city, leaving a boy weighing ten and one-half pounds. Mr. Dugan is one of the popular conductors of the A. & C. railroad.

Monday Club Meeting.
 The regular meeting of the Literary section of the Monday club will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the usual place. John Greenleaf Whittier will be the subject for study. Mrs. J. W. Stewart, leader.

In Business at Humboldt.
 W. M. Martin, the proprietor of the Eureka Mercantile Co., at Humboldt, was in Prescott, yesterday, it being his first visit to this city in eight years, he having been located until recently in the southern part of the Territory.

Mine Promoter Here.
 Ben Blanchard, one of the most widely known mine promoters and mining men of the west, who has extensive interests in Nevada and in the new copper country along the line of the A. & C. railroad, in the Bill Williams river range, is here on business connected with his concerns.

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McCabe Visitor.
 P. D. Moreland of McCabe is visiting in the city.

Here From Humboldt.
 J. P. Murphy of Humboldt is visiting in the city.

Humboldt Visitor.
 Miss Ethel Long of Humboldt is visiting in the city.

Mining Man Here.
 William Nellis, the Mayer mining man, is here on a business visit.

In From Dewey.
 L. M. Henderson came in yesterday from the Dewey section, on a short visit.

In From Camp.
 S. R. Sands came in yesterday from his mining camp in the Yaeger Canyon district.

Back From the East.
 H. N. Thornton of Cherry returned here last night from an extended visit in the east.

An Official Visit.
 W. R. Johnston, live stock inspector, is in the city from Jerome Junction, on an official visit.

Old Timer Visits.
 John Thomson, an old time miner of the Hassayampa district, is here purchasing supplies.

A Flying Visit.
 Joe McSparrin, of the firm of Mayer & McSparrin, paid a flying visit yesterday to the city from Humboldt.

Jerome Visitors.
 Walter C. Miller, general manager of the T. F. Miller company, and C. T. Jolly, of Jerome, are in the city on business.

Crown King Merchant Here.
 P. Kearney, the Crown King merchant and mining man, came in last evening on a short business visit.

Back From Hunt.
 J. W. Smith, ex-clerk of the board of supervisors, returned yesterday from a hunting trip in the southern part of the county.

Back From San Diego.
 Charles Humphreys, the Senator mining man, returned yesterday from a three months' visit at San Diego and on the coast.

Old Timer Visits.
 George Merwin, an old time miner and farmer of this county, is in the city from his ranch in the Walnut Grove section.

Mining Man Visits.
 John Kinney, the Eugenie mining man, is here on mining business. He is accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mary E. Kinney.

Mining Man Visits.
 H. L. Sweeney, vice president of the Money Metals Mining company, came in Sunday from the company's camp in the Black Hills.

Left for Los Angeles.
 F. A. Jones, general passenger and freight agent of the S. F., P. & P., left Sunday for a visit to Los Angeles on railroad business.

Railroad Man Here.
 A. L. Powell, traveling passenger and freight agent of the S. F., P. & P., arrived here yesterday from Phoenix, on railroad business.

In From His Mines.
 W. A. Long, ex-printer and newspaper man, now engaged in mining in the lower Lynx Creek section, is in the city, purchasing supplies.

Back From the Springs.
 Ex-Governor and Mrs. N. O. Murphy returned Sunday from an extended visit to Castle Hot Springs. Mr. Murphy is much improved in health.

Left for Williams.
 J. A. Knoblock of San Francisco left yesterday for a business visit to WILL-

ams. He will visit Jerome Wednesday, where he has business interests.

Aliside Visitor.
 Mrs. William Lawler of Hillside is visiting with friends in the city.

Left for Ely.
 J. M. Riggan left yesterday for Ely, Nev., where he has mining interest.

Expected Home Today.
 Mrs. R. M. Belcher is expected home today from Castle Creek Hot Springs.

Back From Visit.
 Mrs. William Speidel returned yesterday from a visit with relatives in Florence.

Here From Humboldt.
 F. H. Coon, the Humboldt business man, is in the city, visiting with his family.

Left for Williams.
 Attorney Reese M. Ling left yesterday for Williams on professional business.

Left for Home.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Malloy left yesterday for their home in Asco, after a pleasant visit here.

Visiting in Los Angeles.
 W. W. Elliott, of the firm of Elliott & Drescher, is in Los Angeles on business for his concern.

Mining Man Visits.
 George P. Martin, financial agent of the Monica Mines company, is in the city on business.

Left for the Capital.
 Attorney General E. S. Clark left Sunday for the capital on official and professional business.

Early Settler Here.
 John H. Ehle, one of the earliest settlers of Prescott, returned yesterday from a visit with relatives in Phoenix.

Back From Eureka.
 E. O. Kennedy, mining engineer, returned yesterday from a visit to the A. & C. country, where he made an expert examination of a promising group of mining properties.

A Flying Visit.
 C. W. Platt, general manager of the Monarch Mining and Smelting company, operating in the Wickenburg country, paid a flying visit yesterday to the city, returning to his camp on the southbound train last night.

PUBLIC RECORDS.

Instruments Filed As Reported by the Prescott Title Company.

Jas. Daly locates Snow Ball mine, Big Bug district.

Chicago-Goldfield Mining and Leasing company amend their Articles of Incorporation.

Otto Libardon and Geo. P. Harrington locate Minchaha Creek mine, Pine Grove district.

J. J. Cavanaugh and F. E. Edwards file affidavit of assessment work on two mines, Big Bug district.

Mrs. J. H. McLaren to Paul Smyly—Q. C. Deed. \$50. Lot 12, Sparklin tract, Jerome.

O. A. Lange and wife to Elliott & Drescher—W. Deed. South half of S. E. quarter of N. W. quarter of Sec. 28, T. 14 N., R. 1 E., also five acres of the south half of S. W. quarter of N. E. quarter of same Sec.

Timothy Fell to Elliott & Drescher—W. Deed. \$100. North half of N. W. quarter of S. E. quarter of Sec. 28, T. 14 N., R. 1 E.

C. D. Lee and W. H. M. Drescher to W. W. Elliott and F. M. Drescher—M. Deed. Calcium Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 placers, Limestone Canyon district.

Mary Blackburn to Mrs. Fred Hillenbrant—W. Deed. \$2,500. Lot 1, block 7, Prescott.

Charles Born, Sr., files affidavit of assessment work on twenty-five mines, Black Rock district.

E. M. Sanford locates two mines, Hassayampa district.

Marcia Wing Payne to V. B. Crekmar and wife—W. Deed. \$300. Lot 2, block 18, Fleury's addition, Prescott.

J. A. Conlee to Joseph Dougherty—Q. C. Deed. Ketch 'Em Quick and White Oak mines, Walker district.

J. Q. Stephens locates Oregon mine, Eureka district.

Metropolitan Surety Co. appoints C. W. Johnstone as statutory agent.

PERSONAL MENTION.

John Gallagher, a genial mining man from the McCabe section, spent Sunday here with his many friends.

Amos and John Swigert, who are developing a promising mining property in the Groom Creek section, spent yesterday here on business.

MAKES DEFENSE OF DORAN BILL

Attorney Leroy Anderson Declares The Measure Is Meritorious And Says It Will Almost Double The Taxes of The United Verde Copper Company.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Regarding the Doran mine tax bill, which is now the subject of animated discussion, within and without the Legislature, Attorney Leroy Anderson yesterday made the following defense of that measure:

"The mine tax situation now before the Legislature is not understood by the people of this part of the Territory," he said, "by reason of a misunderstanding and an erroneous opinion of the Doran tax bill. The newspapers, as well as the political speakers, have for some time past agitated the mine tax question, and the opinion became prevalent throughout the Territory that a billion tax was the proper way to solve the question.

"The governor, in his message, was understood by all to recommend some such law. He was interviewed by parties interested and he informed them that he had been working some six months trying to prepare a billion tax law. Major Doran, as will be remembered, said from the platform in the last campaign, that he was in favor of a billion tax law, acting upon that sentiment that was prevalent throughout the Territory. Major Doran, after consultation with one of the most practical mining men in the Territory, had prepared the original Doran bill. There was never any intention, so I am informed, to repeal the Andrews act by said bill. It was provided therein, that all procedure should be the same as now. This bill, briefly stated, provides a 20 per cent arbitrary net proceeds as the assessed valuation on producing mines. It also provides in the original bill, that the hoisting machinery, and the other machinery actually used in mining shall be exempt and that all other machinery shall be taxed as other property. It provides, also, that non-producing mines shall be taxed as other property; that non-producing unpatented mines shall be exempt; that the machinery on non-producing mines shall be taxed as other property.

"This bill has been remodeled, so as to specifically provide, that it shall come within the provisions of the Andrews act, and also to make a number of other changes in the verbiage to make the intent of the bill clear.

"It also provides, that no machinery of any kind of character whatsoever shall be exempt. In other words, that all machinery shall be assessed as property; that non-producing mines, to wit, those producing less than \$3,750 per year, shall be assessed as other property, and all producers shall be assessed upon 20 per cent of their gross product at the regular county and Territorial rate.

"While it is true that I represent the United Verde, I also represent a number of smaller mining companies, some of which are producers and others are in the development stage, and, as such, I have taken part in the discussion of the billion tax law and the Doran bill. These bills are not our idea of a billion tax, as I believe that it is a higher taxation on mines than any mining state in the Union. However, this plan and outline is the best I have seen; my only objection is that it is too radical. We were led to believe that Governor Kibbey would favor the Doran bill and to have the matter settled, we agreed to accept the same, and to do what we could to further its passage. However, since its introduction, the governor has seen fit to go back on the position as taken by him in his message, and is now proposing another scheme. I feel that his opposition to the Doran bill, is not so much to this particular bill as it is to any measure other than that proposed by himself. We understand that, in his desire to place the assessment of mines in the hands of the Territorial board of equalization and to authorize said board to ascertain the gross output of every producing mine and fix its assessed value at such gross output value and to assess all machinery the same as now, at its actual cash value. In other words, he would assess all machinery at its cash value; he would take the gross output of every mine as the assessed value of the mine, and would allow nothing for cost of development, nothing for the mining of the

ore, nothing for the treatment or transportation, nothing for supplies or labor.

"The people I represent are not committed to any one kind of bill, but they recognize that something should be done to equalize taxation among mines. For instance, one mine is assessed by the assessor of this county at \$1,000,000, and another, located in another county, producing twice as much ore, is assessed by the local assessor there at about half that figure. Whereas, if we had the billion tax, each mine would pay its proportionate share, according to its production. The 20 per cent of the gross products in the Doran bill is an arbitrary net proceeds and ranges from 3 to 5 per cent higher than any mining state in the Union. Take the actual results of the net proceeds law of all the mining states, and the net proceeds under those average from 10 to 15 per cent of the gross output. Therefore, you can see that the Doran bill is the most radical of any mining law. Under the Doran bill the taxes of the United Verde would be almost double what they are now, and you can readily see that they are in an attitude to attempt to force any such measure through, as some have intimated, but they were in good faith, taking it to be that there was a general understanding between the mining interest and the administration, that the billion tax was the proper and desired way of taxation. Rather than stand out and oppose any such measure, for they understood it was agreeable to nearly everyone, including the governor, they agreed to it, realizing how much it would cost them, but also knowing that the law would apply equally upon all the great producers throughout the Territory. They also realized that this bill would almost double their own taxes and would increase the assessment roll of Yavapai county over \$1,000,000, and that it would lower the assessed valuation of the small producers of the county.

"The figures given to the board of supervisors were given under a misapprehension of the real idea of the Doran bill. I mean the original Doran bill. This bill, as corrected, would increase the assessed valuation of this county over \$1,000,000, would almost double the United Verde taxes, and would reduce the tax on the small producers. This bill throughout the Territory would raise many times as much taxes as at present. For instance, I am informed it would raise the Copper Queen some sixteen times as much, the C. & A. over twenty times as much, the A. C. a large number of times, and, on the other hand, decrease a little the taxes on the small producers. But if you take the governor's idea, it means the closing down of the present boom in mining and the ultimate destruction of the industry in this Territory.

"Arizona has a large number of difficulties to overcome to attract capital. There is many a failure in mining here to every success; and, if you add to the difficulty to produce a mine in Arizona, the fact that it must pay five to ten times the taxes as in any other mining state in the Union requires, the result is easily foretold. Suppose the governor's idea should prevail, provide that all mines would be on the same basis (for no law can be framed otherwise) and while it might make the large mines pay a little more money, the small producers, the prospectors, would have to pay the same rate or, in other words, every dollar's worth of ore would be charged up as assessed valuation of the mine, without considering the years of labor, the hundreds of thousands of dollars it took in dead work to get out the ore, or the cost to get the same to the smelter, or the cost of having the same treated.

"My clients, I mean all of them, are in favor of any equitable proposition that will tax the mines no greater than in other states, and to so tax them and have some regard for the mining industry.

"The mining industry is different from any other industry. This fact is so self-evident that it does not take any argument, other than to call to mind that men must spend many weary years and much money before a pro-

ducer can be developed. Look at the number of failures in the Territory, and elsewhere, that give silent testimony to the fact that there are great chances in the mining business, when one takes into consideration all the lines, and the law must apply to all, 90 per cent of the gross products is a hole lot more than the actual cash value. And I say, the mining industry, taken altogether, will in no way near 20 per cent. That is to say, 20 per cent of the gross product of all mines is in excess of the actual cash value of the mines.

"I understand that some are trying to make this a political question. Let me say right here and now, that any party that will take as its platform and principles, that all mines must not only be taxed upon their machinery, but upon the entire gross product as well, will meet the most overwhelming defeat imaginable on such an issue, before the people of this Territory, because, first and foremost, it is not right and right will prevail. Look at the catchword question; there was a small crowd trying to force something that was not right down the throats of the Arizonians. But it did not go and such a measure as this would meet as deserved a fate.

"Furthermore, when you take in consideration the manner of the assessment of taxes, as proposed by the governor, to wit, the board of equalization, who are appointed by the governor and removed by the governor at his will. The governor is not elected by the people, and it is responsible to no one in Arizona; the people have no word to say. The board of equalization are appointed by the governor and are free from responsibility to the people.

"This question of taxation without representation was fought out a long time ago. The mining interests of this Territory should have some consideration, but if you will notice the present board of equalization you will see that there is not a single mining man on the board.

"No, we are not anxious for this particular law, but we do think that it is by far the best of any plan of taxation that we have become acquainted with. The present system is all right in theory but woefully unjust in practice. The law now is for the assessor to fix the actual cash value of all property; but, what is the actual cash value of a mine? I have in mind a mine that is assessed for \$10,000, and yet this mine has never produced one dollar's worth of ore, and the probabilities are, that it never will, because the vein or deposit it had in mind was never reached, and the mine is now practically abandoned. Yet for several years last past it has regularly paid taxes on a \$10,000 valuation. This does not take in consideration, in its injustice, the fact that this hole in the ground is worse than worthless, for more than \$100,000 was spent for dead work, which today is without any value whatever, because the ore was never reached.

"The reason is plain, when you stop and study, why the mining interest would be benefitted by the billion tax, because the development work or the prospect work would not be taxed. It would increase prospecting and development, and the taxes would not be borne by those who are prospecting, and, consequently, would be borne by those mines only which are producing. In other words, the actual cash value of a mine depends upon its production; all other values are merely guess work, or speculation."

YAVAPAI OIL AND MINING COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

At the regular meeting of the Yavapai Oil and Mining company, held in the company's offices here, yesterday, the following board of directors was elected: James H. Page, Oak Creek; A. J. Head, J. I. Gardner, George H. Schuerman, Prescott; C. T. Jolly, James Gilbert and John Henry, Jerome.

Immediately after the adjournment of the stockholders meeting a meeting of the board of directors was held, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: A. J. Head, president; James H. Page, vice president; J. I. Gardner, treasurer, and James Gilbert, secretary.

Arrangements are under way to resume drilling on the company's property in the Hell's Canyon country, March 1.

PERSONAL MENTION.

G. S. Ferguson will leave today for the camp of the Logos Mining company, in the lower Big Bug district.

J. W. Jackson, who is engaged in building a residence for Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gray in Jerome Junction, spent Sunday here among his many friends.